

Some Further CONSIDERATIONS Humbly Offered to the Parliament :

OR, A

REPLY to a PAPER, CALLED,

Some CONSIDERATIONS relating to the Duties of SUBSIDY and AULNAGE.

HAVING lately presented to this Honourable House a Paper, called, *The Countries Complaint against the Aulnager: Or, Reasons for taking away the Office, Seal, and Duty of Aulnage, and laying a Duty in lieu thereof upon Woollen Manufactures Exported.* And having therein set forth the original Use of this Office, and Seal, and the Reasons of granting the Subsidy of Aulnage; and likewise made appear how and by what means this Office and Seal is become unnecessary and burthen-some, and how the Duties may be collected with more advantage to the Crown, and benefit to the Subject; and having therein asserted nothing but what by most undeniable proofs have been, or is ready to be made most evidently appear. Yet notwithstanding, our Complaints and Reasons to this Honourable House, we have met with a Paper called, *Some Considerations relating to the Duties of Subsidy and Aulnage*, now before you. When we read the same, we were surprised to find it contained some plain Quotations and Evidences, and that what we had written, was misapplied; Whereupon we were obliged to make a short Reply, for the vindicating of the former Truths we have asserted, and to do this, we humbly offer to further Consideration.

1. That the Subsidy and Aulnage is an ancient Revenue, that they are distinct Duties, that the Office of Aulnager is an ancient Custom upon Wool exported.

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be Repealing a Statute made 25 Edw. 3. which was grievous to the Merc

Subsidy? On purpose to insinuate, that the Subsidy in question was in lieu of Custom upon Wool; and
ble Duty; which is a pretence that of late has been very serviceable to them.
as to the measuring, &c. is taken away, that he is now only a Collector of his Fee and
out, that the Duties are paid. And so say we, and for these Reasons we conceive, there is no need tha
at the Custom-House, and that one and the same Cocquet may serve for this, as well as the pr
th is 4 d. and the Aulnager's Fee but one Half-penny. So say we; but we add further: That th
is liable to the payment of the Duties in question, and that all Payments were to be pro Rato, and if the
ates, or for other then Cloth, according to the Statutes, there would not have been so many Just Reasons of
ding for Fines are Errors on the Right hand, because the Cloth for want of a Seal is wholly forfeit
further: That this is one of the greatest Burthens we labour under, that a Cloth worth Ten or Fifteen Poun
ners, and their Under-Officers, (some of whom are not worth the value of a Cloth) either to make what compo
ints against these Duties are not that they are grievous in themselves, but in the Collecting. And so say we
to make it appear that they are not so grievous in the Collecting, as we have represented in our Compl
have been accommodated with Seals, with as much, or more ease than the Law provides.

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is shall be brought to a certain place to be Sealed (as they tell us) and truly they for their own ease, as well
nsh us with Seals; but this is but in some places where they are thus kind and good-natured; for in many
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ve been at reasonable and proper times; that no Remnants have been seized, but where the Hea
b searched on the Road, nor received Shop-Rents; that they received no more than they are leg
that they hope they are still able to justify all their Proceedings by Law; that the clamorous Com

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er (as they are pleased to call it) dispersed; and truly the Country's Complaint against the Aulna
ints and reasonable Proposals will be kindly heard and received by this Honourable House, and procure our
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untry should freely subscribe to pay Money to such Persons as attend to get Relief for them, and hat
from their search (as too many of them are, or have lately been forced to do); but what Service this ca
to pay Money to get redress of a Grievance they are under we cannot understand.
is have a settled Inheritance in these Duties, that the Duties of Richmond has an Interest which she has demised
Project to destroy the King's Inheritance, as well as the Legal Right of other Persons, &c.

Answ. That Their Majesties have an Inheritance, and that the Duties of Richmond has an Interest in these Duties we do agree, but that ever such
such Premises, we stand and wonder at; for our Proposals set forth, That if the Collecting the Duties be altered, it will be to the ad
That Their Majesties Revenue may not in the least be impaired lessened or diminished hereby: Be it enacted that an Additional Duty shall for ever be
paid? Such a Duty as this Honourable House shall think fit: And is this a Project to destroy the King's Inheritance? They that asserted it, should have set forth some pretences at
least, that the Duty proposed would not be sufficient to answer the present Interest of the Crown, and that the Parliament was imposed upon by a false Calculation: but this
they could not do, and therefore being Men of great Reputation, or at least fancy themselves to be such, they (as we conceive) thought it might be sufficient for their purpose only, most confidently
to assert, That the Bill is a Project to destroy the King's Inheritance, without giving one Reason how it is so to be made appear.
But they have greatly mistaken the Project; for the design of the Bill is to secure the Interest of the Crown, and Duties of Richmond, and only to take away the Office and Seal of Aul-
nage, and save to the Nation the Charges of maintaining Farmers and Officers, that can neither be serviceable to the Crown, or useful to the Publick, but have been, and are still a great clog
and hindrance to Trade.

And therefore we humbly Hope,

That an Office thus useless, grievous, and burdensome to all the Dealers in the Woollen Manufacture, shall not be continued, but that this Honourable House will (upon
the making it most plainly appear, that the Duties proposed to be added to the Customs, in lieu of the Aulnage, will be sufficient to answer the present Interest of the
Crown, and Duties) think fit to pass the Bill that is now before them, notwithstanding some-body has in Print asserted (without giving one reason for it) that this
is a Project to destroy the King's Inheritance.



